



BIOGRAPHY

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COLONEL JOHN C. FOBIAN



Colonel John C. Fobian is the commander of the 940th Air Refueling Wing, Beale Air Force Base, Calif. The 940th Air Refueling Wing provides aerial refueling and airlift to support the Nation's objectives. The colonel commands a combat-ready KC-135 tanker wing comprised of one air refueling squadron, seven functional or support squadrons, and more than 950 personnel.

Col. Fobian was born in Savannah, Georgia, and graduated from Layton High School, Layton, Utah, in 1971. He was commissioned through the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps program at Utah State University in December 1974.

EDUCATION:

1974: Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics, Utah State University, Utah
1978: Squadron Officer School (Correspondence)
1988: Master of Science degree in Aeronautical Science, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
1995: Air War College (Group Study)

ASSIGNMENTS:

1976-1979: Computer systems programmer, 4501st Computer Support Squadron, Langley AFB, Va.
1979-1981: Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Reese AFB, Texas
1981-1986: KC-135 pilot, instructor pilot, and emergency actions officer, 917th Air Refueling Squadron, Dyess AFB, Texas
1986-1989: Air operations officer, 34th Strategic Squadron, Zaragoza AB, Spain
1989-1990: KC-135 instructor pilot/ flight commander, 906th Air Refueling Squadron, Minot AFB, N.D.

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1991-1997: Squadron commander/operations officer/KC-135 instructor pilot, 336th Air Refueling Squadron, March ARB, Calif.
1997-1999: Commander, 507th Operations Group, Tinker AFB, Okla.
1999-2001: Commander, 513th Air Control Group, Tinker AFB, Okla.
2001-Present: Commander, 940th Air Refueling Wing, Beale AFB, Calif.

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight Hours: 4,000

Aircraft Flown: T-37B, T-38A, KC-135A/E/R; E-3B/C; TC-18

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Air Force Achievement Medal
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with four oak leaf clusters
Combat Readiness Medal with six oak leaf clusters
National Defense Service Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant	December 12, 1974
First Lieutenant	December 12, 1977
Captain	December 12, 1979
Major	March 1, 1987
Lieutenant Colonel	June 16, 1994
Colonel	May 11, 1998